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Dr. Richard B. Cattell Honored In Ireland

Dr. Richard B. Cattell, chairman of the Medical Administrative Board of the New England Deaconess Hospital, became the fifth American to receive an honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland at ceremonies held in Dublin on Feb. 11.

Dr. Cattell was honored with Sir Clement Price-Thomas of London, Eng., who operated on the late King George VI.

The honorary fellowship was conferred by Mr. E. M. Fraser, president of the College. Dr. Cattell was presented by Mr. Adams McConnell, former president.

The fellowship was conferred primarily for Dr. Cattell's work in thyroid, intestinal and gall bladder surgery. It was also in recognition of the close ties between the Lahey Clinic, of which Dr. Cattell is director, and the School of Medicine of the College.

Dr. Cattell is also surgeon-in-chief of the New England Baptist Hospital and a surgeon at the Robert Breck Brigham, Massachusetts Women's and Booth Memorial hospitals.

His many honors include honorary doctor of science degrees from Mount Union College and Boston University and the position of honorary consultant to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery of the United States Navy.

Spring Fever Comes To Deaconess Gift Shop

Spring fever is already evident in the Friends of the Deaconess Flower and Gift Shop.

April Shower umbrellas are an Easter specialty this year. Mrs. Charles A. Lamb, chairman for gifts, reports that the umbrellas have hand carved wooden handles from Italy and the handles can be put on an umbrella with a fabric of your choosing — polka dot or unusual pastels are a fashion note.

Big patent leather pocketbooks are another fashion note this spring and you'll find them in our gift shop.

268 YEARS OF SERVICE — Head table guests at the hospital's First Service Awards Dinner represented a total of 268 years of service. At the head table were (left to right) William E. Worcester, assistant director; Miss Ellen Adams, personnel director; Herbert C. Robinson, 32 years; Miss Rita Dennehy, 30 years; Dr. Warren F. Cook, executive consultant, 26 years; Miss Orianna F. Harding, 43 years; Robert D. Lowry, executive director; Francis W. Capper, member of the corporation and chairman of the executive committee; Miss Ruth A. Sherman, 35 years; Howard Lewis, 35 years; Miss Ada W. Hamlyn, 35 years, and Patrick Sullivan, 32 years.

SERVICE AWARDS DINNER HELD

210 Are Honored for Five or More Years of Service

Service to the New England Deaconess Hospital totaling 2450 years was honored by the hospital on Wednesday night, Feb. 29.

Employees who have been at the Deaconess for five years or more were guests at the First Annual Service Awards Dinner, held at Longwood Towers.

A total of 210 people have been with the Deaconess for five years or more and their combined service is 2450 years. Miss Orianna F. Harding, an original Deaconess who has reached a record of 43 years, holds the distinction of being the person with the longest service record.

The keynote of the evening was informality. A spokesman for each of the service groups gave brief responses to Mr. Lowry's welcome. The speakers were Milton B. Nelson, for the five to 10 year group; Charles F. Schraub, for the 10 to 15; Miss Marion E. Haskell, for the 15 to 20; John P. Keefe, for the 20 to 25; Russell F. Cowing, for the 25 to 30, and Herbert C. Robinson, for the 30 to 35.

Francis W. Capper, member of the corporation for 25 years and chairman of the executive committee, brought greetings from the trustees. He was presented with an oversized "service pin" designed by the nurse of many talents, Miss Marjorie R. Pond. It sparkled with a three and a half carat diamond, courtesy of Woolworth's. He also received a bottle of 1000 aspirin "for the next 25 years."

Dinner music was by an Art Rubins orchestra. Both John Keefe and Mrs. Louise Walker took over the microphone to sing with the orchestra. Then the musicians went the rounds of the tables, serenading each one with a requested number.

The presentation of the award winners was by Miss Ellen Adams, personnel director. The first ceremonies were the

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awarding of certificates of merit from the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church. Dr. Warren F. Cook, who has a record of 26 years of service, presented these awards.

Miss Ada W. "Hammy" Hamlyn, Howard W. Lewis and Miss Ruth A. Sherman were honored by the board for 35 years of service. Russell F. Cowing, Miss Catherine Grady, Miss Jessie A. Kennedy, Joseph F. Warren and Catherine V. Waters received certificates for 25 years.

The Deaconess Hospital service pins were awarded by Mr. Lowry. Sixty-eight persons received the pins for employment anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20 or 25 years. In the "baby" group, those who have just completed five years, there were 44 people.

A talk by Dr. Cook entitled, "Hard Luck," closed the First Annual Service Awards Dinner.

The complete list of merit awards and and service pin recipients is as follows:

35-YEAR AWARDS OF MERIT

Ada W. Hamlyn	Nursing
Howard W. Lewis	Engineering
Ruth A. Sherman	Radium

25-YEAR AWARDS OF MERIT

Russell F. Cowing	Radium
Catherine F. Grady	Dietary
Jessie A. Kennedy	Administrative Services
Joseph F. Warren	Pathology
Catherine V. Waters	Administrative Services

25-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Russell F. Cowing	Radium
Catherine F. Grady	Dietary
Jessie A. Kennedy	Administrative Services
Joseph F. Warren	Pathology

20-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Kathryn H. Haley	CRI
Marion E. Haskell	Chief Admitting Officer
Louise H. Walker	Dietary
Evelyn M. Wilson	Record Room

15-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Lilla M. Anderson	CRI
O. Virginia Diggdon	Nursing
Catherine Gifford	Pathology
Madelyn Lendall	Dental Clinic

10-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Fred W. Bartlett	Housekeeping
Muriel L. Bayne	Nursing
Helen Gates	Pathology
Helen T. Kenneally	Chemistry
Eleanor T. Muller	Dietary
Mildred F. Munn	Nursing
Harriet Regan	Dietary
Alice M. Skates	Laundry
Charles K. Spalding	CRI
Ada Tompkins	Laundry
Hazel H. Williams	Blood Bank
Effie M. Winger	Dietitian-in-Chief

5-YEAR SERVICE PINS

Mary Jane Abrams	Dietary
Lucille Allen	Central Supply
Mary Jane Bailey	Housekeeping
Helen C. Bakey	Nursing
Rita Brennan	Dietary
Grace V. Burke	X-Ray
Eulan P. Cameron	Maintenance
Betsy M. Cholakos	Accounting
Rosanna N. Chute	CRI
Bradley E. Copeland, M.D.	Associate Pathologist
Delia A. Fischer	Housekeeping
Helen E. Franklin	Administrative Services
Alex Goldsmith	Dietary
John C. Graves	Housekeeping
James J. Halligan	Laundry
Harland E. Harvey	Grounds
Mary C. Irving	Radium
Elizabeth M. Johnson	Housekeeping
Doris H. Longmire	Nursing
John D. MacDonald	Administrative Services
Ellen L. Marston	Joslin Research
Edith E. McAuliffe	Dietary
Edlin McClean	Dietary
Mary E. McDonald	Laundry
Jacqueline A. Melody	Dietary
Margaret Middleton	Pathology
Janet Murch	Nursing
Helen F. Murphy	Housekeeping
M. Winnifred Murray	Administrative Services
Sigmund Myal	Nursing
Milton B. Nelson	Credit Manager
Anne Nichols	Blood Bank
A. Ethel Nickerson	School of Nursing
Edna L. O'Handley	Housekeeping
Elmer A. Pedersen	CRI
Addell Reed	Dietary
Gertrude Reed	Dietary
Catherine L. Ruane	Dietary
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Beatrice C. Spargo	Night Superintendent
Edna H. Tompkins, M.D.	CRI
Ruth M. Vincent	Record Room
Frederick L. Washington	Dietary
Earle W. Williamson, Jr.	CRI

CLASS OF 1966 — Few young ladies of this age have complete Deaconess student nurse uniforms in their wardrobes, but these two friends of Miss Olive Hastings of the Joslin Office do. The children are Susan and Sarah Stem, daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Stem of Brookline (Portrait by Olive Hastings).

Nursing Department Gives Farewell Party For Mrs. Maguire

A combination farewell party, birthday tea and Valentine's party was held in honor of Mrs. Ruth Tipping Maguire in Harris Hall on, naturally, Feb. 14.

Mrs. Maguire has left the Deaconess after 15 years in the Nursing Office. Miss Mildred B. Newton, on behalf of Mrs. Maguire's many friends, presented the guest of honor with a gold watch and a gift certificate.

Miss Ellen D. Howland cut a birthday cake made by Mr. Cheney of our Dietary Department. Mrs. Clara H. Gove and Mrs. Edith O. Wetterlow poured.

Our best wishes go to Mrs. Maguire.

Miss Newton announces that Miss Lois Preston has been promoted to second assistant in the Nursing Office, succeeding Mrs. Maguire. Miss Lois Thomas has replaced Miss Preston as Deaconess supervisor. The new head nurse on Deaconess II is Miss Jeannine Lundin. Miss Nancy Matson is her new assistant head nurse.

FIRST ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS DINNER

1. Merit awards from the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church for 35 and 25 years of service are received by (left to right) Ada Hamlyn, Howard Lewis, Ruth Sherman, Catherine Waters, Russell Cowing, Catherine Grady, Jessie Kennedy and Joseph Warren. 2. John Keefe sings "Count Your Blessings." 3. Mrs. Louise Walker takes over the vocal spot with an Art Rubins orchestra. 4.and 5. Dinner time. 6. Mr. Lowry awards Deaconess 25-year service pins to (left to right) Mr. Cowing, Miss Grady, Miss Kennedy and Mr. Warren. 7. Mr. Lowry presents "service pin" designed by Marjorie Pond and bottle of aspirin to Mr. Francis W. Capper, chairman of the executive committee and member of the corporation for 25 years.

8. Waiting for dinner. 9. Twenty-year service pins are awarded by Mr. Lowry to (left to right) Kathryn Haley, Marion Haskell, Louise Walker and Evelyn Wilson. 10. Dessert time. 11. Fifteen-year pins are received by Madelyn Lendall, Lilla Anderson and Virginia Diggdon. 12. In the 10-year pin group are (left to right) Fred Bartlett, Helen Gates, Eleanor Muller, Helen Kenneally, Mildred Munn, Hariett Regan, Charles Spalding and Effie Winger. 13. The five-year pin group, which Mr. Nelson predicted would remain the largest as it climbs up the years, included the people shown in this photo. A total of 44 qualified for their five-year pins. 14. Dr. Cook is introduced for his talk, entitled "Hard Luck."

Dr. Howard Root Began Career With Joslin Group and Deaconess in 1920

(This is the second in a series of three articles on the staff members who have just completed a term of service on the Medical Administrative Board).

The career combination of social work and medicine may seem unusual, but it isn't in the case of Dr. Howard F. Root.

After graduation from Harvard College in 1913, with a cum laude degree in chemistry, Dr. Root did settlement work at the Ellis Memorial and later helped establish the Boston School Department's program for "extended use of public schools for social and civic centers." He headed the program in the South End. His job was to organize debating societies, dances, music programs and socials for this congested area of the city.

His ultimate goal, however, even as an undergraduate, was medicine. He somewhat combined his scientific and social interests by entering a field of medicine of vast importance to public health all over the world.

Enters Medical School

In 1915 he went back to Harvard as a medical student, graduating from Harvard Medical School in January of 1919. He interned at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and then became a May Fellow in medicine at Johns Hopkins, working in hematology.

In 1920 Dr. Root came back to Boston to begin his association with Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and the Joslin Clinic, of which he is now medical director. At first Dr. Root was concerned primarily with studies of diabetic metabolism.

But on August 7, 1922, he helped usher in a new era in the history of diabetes. He administered the first dose of insulin given in New England, at the old Brodbeck Cottage, then an annex of the Deaconess.

Experiment with Insulin

That year the Joslin group treated a total of 60 patients with insulin in experimental work conducted in conjunction with the discoverers of insulin. Today, 34 years later, Dr. Root can remark, "The use of insulin has prolonged the lives of diabetics and brought a whole new generation of diabetics and their children into existence that never would have been alive."

He is now involved in evaluation of the newly discovered oral substances with which it is hoped diabetes can also be controlled. Dr. Root emphasizes that although it has been proved that sulfonamide compounds can reduce the blood sugar, the oral substances are not the equivalent of insulin or equal to it.

Dr. Howard F. Root

They cannot be used in place of insulin by most diabetics, but they do "seem to have a place in the treatment of many older patients whose diabetes is not of the most severe type."

Member of First Staff

Dr. Root was also one of the members of the hospital's first organized staff. After almost two decades as an "open" hospital, the Deaconess organized its first staff in 1923. The first "permanent" staff consisted of Drs. F. Gorham Brigham and Elliott P. Joslin as physicians-in-chief and Dr. Daniel Fiske Jones and Frank H. Lahey as surgeons-in-chief. One of the two assistant physicians-in-chief was Dr. Howard F. Root. The other was Dr. Burton E. Hamilton.

The assistant surgeons were Drs. Leland S. McKittrick and Howard M. Clute. This was the complete roster of the Deaconess' first permanent staff.

Dr. Root is a past president of the American Diabetes Association and currently vice-president of the International Diabetes Federation. He is, of course, a member of American Medical Association and also is active in the American Clinical and Climatological Association. A staff member of the Boston-Lying-In, he is consultant to the Eastern Maine General Hospital and the Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary.

Dr. Root has been a member of the faculty of the Harvard Medical School for over 25 years. A post-graduate course in diabetes of the Harvard Medical School has been conducted at the Deaconess over the years, as well as voluntary courses for medical students.

Lectured at Simmons

Social service and community interests have been maintained by this prominent doctor. For many years Dr. Root lectured at the Simmons College School of Social Work and he is still a director of the Ellis Memorial.

The late Mrs. Howard F. Root was a founder of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital and for many years an active worker for the Deaconess. One of the three Root Children, Howard F. Root, Jr., has gone into medicine. The young Doctor Root is an intern at the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N. Y.

Red Cross Stresses Heavy Disaster Needs

The 1956 Red Cross drive opened on Feb. 28 at a rally for workers at Symphony Hall.

When you contribute to the Red Cross, you contribute to disaster relief, blood centers, waterfront safety, training programs for nurses' aides and other volunteer hospital personnel, first aid courses, aid to servicemen and their families and many other vital functions performed by the Red Cross.

Last year's disaster funds proved so inadequate that the Red Cross is seeking 45 percent more money for this relief service alone. Surely no one need be reminded of the great human needs of last summer's floods and storms in New England alone.

Give what you can to the Red Cross. Mr. Adams, executive housekeeper, is chairman of this year's drive. Pledge cards will be distributed throughout the hospital.

SPRING CALENDAR

March 16	Capping for 1958 Juniors, 8:00 P. M., Joslin Auditorium.
March 18	Vienna Choir Boys Concert, 3:30 P. M., Symphony Hall.
March 26-28	New England Hospital Assembly, Hotel Statler.
March 29	Holy Thursday Communion Service, 8 P. M., Joslin Auditorium.
April 1	Easter Sunrise Service, 6 A.M., Baker Roof.
April 17	Variety Show, "Come To The Fair," sponsored by School of Nursing Glee Club, 8 P. M., Joslin Auditorium.
May 10	Massachusetts Hospital Association Annual Meeting, Hotel Statler.
May 13	Baccalaureate.
May 15	Graduation.
May 25	Deaconess Night at Pops.
June 27	25th Reunion, School of Nursing Alumnae.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS — Participants in a First Naval District symposium on atomic warfare, special weapons and isotopes to be held in the Joslin Auditorium and at two other hospitals March 21, 22 and 23 are shown discussing arrangements in the library of CRI. Front row, left to right: Dr. John W. Norcross; Capt. Nelson S. Bigelow, MC, USN, program officer; Rear Adm. Courtney G. Clegg, MC, USN, district medical officer, and Miss Dorothy V. Blanchard, isotope nurse. Back row: Dr. Samuel P. Hicks; Dr. Bradley E. Copeland; Earle Williamson and Russell F. Cowing. Other participants not shown are Dr. Shields Warren, general chairman, and Dr. Clifford C. Franseen. (Photo by Lt. Commdr. Charles Dixon)

Medical Terminology Courses Offered Again

The Deaconess will again offer two 10-hour courses in medical terminology for Deaconess personnel and personnel of other hospitals.

The classes will be conducted this spring by Mrs. Rose H. Brooks, assistant record librarian. They will begin on Tuesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 22, and be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Baker Classroom.

Certificates are awarded for successful completion of the course.

Weddings

Joanne Spaulding Carr, class of '55, to Sidney Clifford Field, Jr. The couple were married March 3.

Sally Wells Edwards to Leland Stanford Hager on Jan. 7. The bride is a research fellow at CRI.

Barbara J. Hesketh, class of '53, to Paul G. Hertrich on Dec. 31 at the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church in Greentree, Pa. Mrs. Hertrich is employed as a nurse in Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Engagements

Patricia Anne Baldwin to Clemens Aubrey Fortman, Jr. Miss Baldwin is working in CRI. A spring wedding is planned.

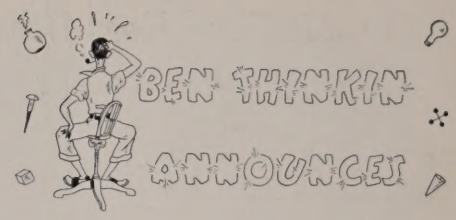
Jean MacMillan, USAF, class of '53, to Mr. William Edward Bennion, USAF. They will be married in the spring.

Betsy May Nickerson, class of '55, to Robert Lupton Reddish. Mr. Reddish is employed in Melrose. A summer wedding is planned.

Evelyn Bernice Stratton, class of '54, to Carl Richard Daley. Miss Stratton is on the staff of Wesson Memorial Hospital. The couple will be married this spring.

Janice Evelyn Swanson, class of '54, to Lawrence Burbank. Miss Swanson is employed at the Cordova Community Hospital, Cordova, Alaska. A June wedding is planned.

Barbara Elaine Willis, clas of '49, to Robert Gilbert Faust. Mr. Faust is doing pre-medical work. They will wed in June.



The first $25 and $15 awards under the Deaconess' new suggestion system have been made by the committee.

The winner of the $25 award is Miss Natalie Fossati of CRI. Miss Fossati submitted a suggestion for saving money on bulk mailing of third class material.

The $15 award went to Mr. Raymond Funcannon of Housekeeping. He suggested a better method for cleaning barrels, which resulted in increased efficiency and better sanitation.

Six more $5 awards have been made by the committee. The winers and their suggestions are:

Mrs. Jane Barnes of the Health Center, a method of preventing accidents.

Mrs. Lynn Christopher, Personnel, an idea for helping visitors.

Mrs. Joan Thrower, Administrative Services, change in the system of ordering taxis, for the greater convenience of visitors and patients.

Miss Jane S. Seymour, Medical Record Department, an idea for greater patient convenience.

Miss Margaret MacKay, Nursing Department, improvement in work area.

Mrs. Jeannette Miller, Nursing Department, improvement in flower room equipment.

Miss Esther Chapelle, X-Ray, X-Ray Department suggestion.

Bowling Scores

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Team No. and Captain		*Points*
3	Mr. Sabine	63
5	Mr. Osgood	63
4	Mr. Emery	62
7	Mr. Lowry	61
1	Miss Pond	54
6	Mr. Fisher	49
9	Mr. Bettinelli	44
12	Mr. Adams	35
2	Mr. Nelson	32
10	Mr. Millsaps	30
11	Mr. Mondello	30
8	Mr. Spalding	29

High Singles March 8

Rose Baron	102
Walter Emery	108

High Singles for Year

Rita Greto	115
Hugh McFarland	130

High Three-String Totals for Year

Mary MacRitchie	286
Don Lowry	313
Hugh McFarland	313
Frank Bettinelli	313